

Special Employment Training (SET) Contractors

- The SET category allows the Panel to fund up to 10 percent of its available funds on training for employers and trainees not eligible under standard criteria: (1) contractors need not meet out-of-state competition requirements (*but must be subject to the ETT*); and (2) trainees need not meet standard eligibility criteria.
- SET trainees must be frontline workers in one of the following categories: (1) earning at least the State average hourly wage; (2) in high unemployment areas; (4) with multiple barriers to employment; or, (5) small business owners.
 - (1) Frontline workers who earn at least the State average hourly wage: (a) must meet standard 90 day retention requirement; and (b) training must result in full-time employment.
 - (2) Frontline workers in high unemployment areas: (a) retention may be with up to 2 employers (*up to 3 employers with Panel approval*) within 120 days, if there is evidence of job security at the end of the retention period; (b) training must result in full-time employment; and (c) ETP minimum wage requirement may be waived.
 - (3) Frontline workers with multiple barriers to employment: (a) must have at least two barriers to employment; (b) must earn the ETP minimum wage; (c) must meet standard 90 day retention requirement; and (d) training must result in full-time employment.
 - (4) Small business owners: (a) must employ at least one, but not more than nine full-time employees, and employ at least the same number of employees after retention; (b) training must be in skills necessary to operate a business; and (c) no wage requirement.
- Total funding limit for a SET project is \$500,000 (*unless otherwise approved by Panel*). A Contractor may be funded for only one SET project (*unless otherwise approved by Panel*).